

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-7, 9-17, 19, 21, 23, 25-36, 40-41, 44-50, and 52-68 were previously pending in the application. Claims 1, 4-7, 9-17, 19, 21, 23, 25-30, and 60-63 have been cancelled. Claim 66 has been amended.

Claims 1, 4-7, 9-17, 19, 21, 23, 25-30, and 60-63 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,938,592 (Koteles) in view of U.S. Patent Publication 2002/0035313 (Scirica).

Claims 1, 4-7, 9-17, 19, 21, 23, 25-30, and 60-63 have been cancelled, thereby obviating the rejection.

Applicant notes with appreciation that claims 31-36, 40-41, 44-50, 52-59, and 64-68 have been allowed.

Applicant asserts that each objection and rejection to the claims has been overcome, and a notice of allowance is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is hereby authorized to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below if such would advance the prosecution of this application.

No fees are believed to be due for the filing of this correspondence. However, if any fees are deemed due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to withdraw such fees from Deposit Account No. 23-3050.

Respectfully submitted,

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